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Mr. Roger G. Sealy, Chief  
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 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Roger:

Subject: FBIS Land

Attached are copies of a memorandum from Ryson Headquarters concerning land requirements and of the classified message referred to in the first paragraph of the memorandum. After receiving the message but before receiving the memorandum, I went to see Messrs. Lane and Brick of the OKM Real Estate Division to find out what was expected of FBIS. At that time they had a draft copy of the memorandum and although I did not see it, we did discuss questions related to it.

I believe the following is substantially correct. Congress appropriated \$30,500,000 for the acquisition of 52,088 acres with the Army to handle all transactions. An expenditure of \$10,000,000 is authorized in FY 1957 and \$11,800,000 in FY 1958. The remaining \$5,700,000 is for resettlement costs.

From information available in the Real Estate Division, Brick and Lane were unable to say whether the funds appropriated by Congress would cover acquisition of land for FBIS. I believe that we must furnish our own funds, but I can find nothing on this subject in our files. It would be appreciated if you would clarify this matter. If our requirements were merged with those of the Army (or the State Department) back in Washington and if Congress appropriated money to meet our requirements, what portion of FBIS acquisition that would be consummated in FY 1958 and/or in FY 1959 would probably be decided locally. If FBIS has its own funds available, acquisition could be implemented through the Army but without regard to its percentages for fiscal years.

I raised the question about the types of instruments for acquiring land. There will be three: lump-sum payment for fee title valued for a long-term period; some type of easement; a short-term rental where the using agency's needs will be for a lesser period than that of fee title.

Pole rights would fit into the second category. However, there are two disturbing elements: neither the question of what rights or protection the using agency that has a lesser interest than fee title would have nor the question of what payment is to be made for such an easement instrument.

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been answered. I believe that there would be a lump-sum rather than annual payment. Brick said that in his office alone opinion as to the size of the payment varied from 30% to 70% of that required for fee title. Lane himself has been attempting to persuade FBIS to take fee title because, he claims, this would be the only way we could get the protection we want.

I told him of an incident that happened at the [ ] earlier in the month. The commercial firm that is rehabilitating our antennas left one evening 32 lengths of cable with all their hardware near one of the numerous paths in the antenna field. The hardware was to be reused. The next morning the material was gone. I went to the village along the edge of the field to find the chief, but since he was not there, I left word to have him get in touch with me if he returned by three o'clock. When he did not come, I called the police. After hearing the story and as he was leaving for the scene, the policeman was met by the chief of the village. They went into the antenna field together. The next morning all of the material was found in the field near the village but far removed from where it had been stolen. Mr. Lane's interpretation was that there will always be thievery unless we fence in the whole area. I am inclined to believe though that as long as our relations with the villagers remain good there will be no thievery. What an easement with its lower income would do to those relations is, of course, open to question.

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I do believe that it would not be wise to take an easement instead of fee title if payment for the former is to be as much as 70% of the latter. For a third less money we would be receiving considerably less protection. Mr. Brick advises FBIS to submit its request for action as soon as possible in order that it will not be later delayed by requests of other agencies. It would be appreciated if you would send instructions concerning Headquarters' desires about the advisability of procuring an easement instrument for the antenna field. Since I may need this information in supplying data requested in the memorandum, an early answer would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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